

# Cultural Council Minutes

May 18, 2011

**Present:** Amy Whittenburg (Chair), Melissa Nelson, Trent Latta, Gaerda Zeider, Bhaj Townsend, Cathy Heffron, Rebecca Devere, Leah Kliger, Ellen Miller-Wolfe (staff), Julie Huffman (staff).

**Absent:** Sheila Mickool, Erik Gordon, Marianne Francis, Nora Carlson

## REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Cultural Council reviewed the minutes of April 20, Bhaj made a motion to approve the minutes, motion carried.

## STAFF REPORTS

### Budget

Julie reported on the budget for 2011, offering a handout that summarized the carryover amount of \$2300, the charms balance of \$2300, the \$8,000 from 4Culture which we have allocated to staffing, and the current income received from fundraising, which is about \$800, but it projected to be closer to \$1200.

### 4Culture

Leah reported on the status of the 4Culture bill in the legislature, which is very close to passing, however votes are slipping. Vote will be tomorrow.

### Fish Frolic

Staff reported on the update of the Fish Frolic event, and what that means for the LTAC Tourism funds that were allocated for 2011. The Tourism Development Committee (LTAC) may be looking for funds for a Travel Channel opportunity that they were approached with. LTAC could allow the Cultural Council to spend the money in 2012, or may ask them to reapply for 2012 and repurpose those funds instead. Cultural Council would like staff to ask the LTAC to hold the funds over to 2012 for the Fish Frolic.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### CACHET

CACHET Committee is searching for a location for their Fall event (to be held at the end of September or beginning of October). 4Culture will be the speaker, and the committee is hoping that Henry Bischofberger will do a violin making demonstration. **Committee requests \$1200 (\$350 for each event, plus \$500 for awards, speaker, rental fees, etc.)**

### Artilization

The Artilization committee is going into the busy season. 20 artists have applied to be in the artwalk, and galleries have requested the artists be juried. Performing artists do not need to pay, but artists will be charged a \$25 entry fee. There is concern about the ability of the committee to jury and put on the event as they would like to, given the limited resources of volunteers. Also, the City needs to look into whether artists can be denied access to the event as the right-of-way is generally available to all comers. Cathy reported on the possibilities for the Artwalk banner to be placed on Lake and State Street. **Total request for this committee \$1065.**

#### FUNdevelopment

**Art in the attic total expenses are anticipated at \$2000.** Committee is hoping the auction will net \$4000, and it would like to fund SIFF, Performance Art, Public Art grants for the annexation neighborhoods, and the Artists live/work feasibility study.

#### Artist Live/Work Spaces

**Committee would like funds for a feasibility study which could cost \$12,000. If there were volunteers or staff that could assist with the study, the total could potentially be as low as \$4,000.**

#### Public/Private Art

**Cathy reported that this committee would like \$400 to print or reprint the DVD that is given to developers. Staff clarified that they still have a large supply of this DVD.** Cathy advised that the Committee had met prior to the Council meeting to discuss the proposed loan of a totem pole to the public art collection. She said the issue will come before the Council in June.

### **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Council decided to allocate only the funds that they currently have, and to focus on staffing as the most important allocation as without it the council is not able to function. The funds currently available are \$4100. The requests total \$8209. Cachet, fundraising and artilization banner line items have some support. **Committee discussed funding banners for artilization for 2 months (\$175 each month for a total of \$350), \$200 for incidentals, and \$140 for balloons for a total of \$690. \$1,000 is allocated for the fundraising auction. CACHET would like \$400 for the Fall event. Motion to allocate \$2090 as listed above through October by Trent, seconded by Bhaj. Motion passed.**

Committee	Annual Need	2011 Need	Amount Approved
CACHET	\$1,200	\$500	\$400
Artilization	\$5,000	\$1,062	\$690
Fundraising	Unknown	\$2,000	\$1000
Artist Live/Work	\$12,000	\$2,000-6,000	
Public/Private Art	\$400		
Staffing	\$13,000-\$26,000	\$2,644	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$31,600-\$33,000</b>	<b>\$8,209</b>	<b>\$2090</b>

Announcements: Patch is looking for a weekly art blogger: Trent is interested, Amy will send him the information. Mountains to Sound Greenway photo contest is looking for a juror: Bhaj is interested and Amy will send her the information. Rebecca has an exhibit at the library.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:00.**